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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I want first of all to apologize for touching one of these bills. I know they were done correct and I feel like I have been properly admonished for doing so but I will trudge forward and continue to try to add those things that are within my prerogative to add. I am disappointed in Senator Marsh. I would like to remind you this \$300,000 is taxpayer's money, and as representatives of the taxpayers, this body determines not only what are emergencies but what are the prerogatives and what is the direction that state government takes. I know that this is going to do the Governor some good to hear some agreement and support from him from Senator Marsh and I almost feel heartfelt about coming and standing and asking that you take part of his prerogatives away but he is a big man and I know he can take it and would look into other areas. The concern that I have is that we visited with the Governor and the Governor didn't feel like it was clear to him the interest and the instance that the Legislature gave on what an emergency was. By the action and by the language here, we have said this is an emergency, Governor, and we are setting aside \$92,000 of those dollars for you to correct the emergency as the administrator of this fund and as the administrator of the state. I don't believe that language is subject to any interpretation on his part. I think that he will understand that we said this is an emergency and that we have \$92,000 appropriated for the same. Now Senator Marsh may be willing to give him all those authorities and let him declare what and such and particular time. If that happens in her legislative district, I am sure that the emphasis might be different but the point is...

PRESIDENT: Could we have a little more order please, in the Chamber.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: ...that this is what the fund is for. The fund was created by the Legislature. It can be increased. It can be diminished. It can be changed. It can be altered as we so desire and that is perfectly legal. Illegal activity, Senator Marsh, is when you don't have the statutes to say it is legal and the statutes now, with my amendment, will say it is legal and we will direct the Governor to use the funds only in that manner. I think that is clear and straightforward and I'd ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is, the adoption of Senator Lewis' amendment to his amended amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Please vote. Record. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I'd ask for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall the House go under Call. Record your vote. Please vote on going under Call. Have you voted on going under Call. Have you all voted on going under Call.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 13 nays.

PRESIDENT: We are under Call. All Senators please take